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SUBJECT: W/W: MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH EFRAM ABOU CHEDID

REF: STATE 177791

1. MRS. ABOU CHEDID CONTACTED EMBASSY DURING WEEK OF JULY 5 AND DISCUSSED SUBJECT PROBLEM WITH CONSOFF. PROBLEM WITH CLEARING UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL BAGGAGE SEEMINGLY AROSE AS A RESULT OF MR. ABOU CHEDID'S LEBANESE NATIONALITY. CONSOFF SUGGESTED THEY EXPLAIN TO CUSTOMS THAT MR. ABOU CHEDID IS PERMANENT RESIDENT IN U.S. AND WIFE IS U.S. CITIZEN. ALSO SUGGESTED THEY STRESS THAT THEY PLAN TO STAY IN EGYPT ONLY TEMPORARILY AND NOTE THAT EMBASSY ADVISED THEM THAT TEMPORARY VISITORS MAY BRING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN WITHOUT CUSTOMS CHARGE AS LONG AS THEY PLAN TO TAKE THEM WITH THEM ON DEPARTURE. CAUTIONED AGAINST PAYING CUSTOMS FEES AS THAT COULD PRECLUDE TAKING ITEMS ON WHICH DUTY WAS PAID WITH THEM UPON THEIR DEPARTURE. EMBASSY FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE CONTACT THE TRANSITER (IN THIS CASE, AIR FRANCE) TO SEE IF THEIR OFFICIALS COULD BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH CUSTOMS.

2. AT END OF DISCUSSION, MRS. ABOU CHEDID (AND MR. ABOU CHEDID WHO JOINED HER AT EMBASSY LATER) AGREED THEY WOULD TRY THESE SUGGESTIONS AND RE CONTACT EMBASSY IF THEY HAD FURTHER PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY RE OUTCOME OF THESE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS.

3. EMBASSY CONTACTING BOTH AIR FRANCE AND MR. AND MRS. ABOU
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CHEDID TODAY IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE CURRENT SITUATION AND

OFFER FURTHER ASSISTANCE, IF NECESSARY.

4. WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT ASA REGARDING RESULTS OF OUR
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